

REMARKS

The office action of June 5, 2007, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the abstract, applicant has canceled the original abstract and attached hereto a new Abstract of the Disclosure.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 5-12.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file

particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the reference.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that the patent to Walters discloses a multi-part rolling mill housing. Walters does not disclose a multipart mill housing having longitudinal beams with an integral cruciform structure, as in the presently claimed invention. In Walters the cruciform shape is provided by the longitudinal beam and crossbeam together. There is no disclosure of a longitudinal beam by itself having a cruciform structure.

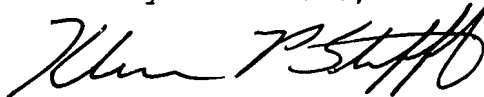
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In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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